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In re patent of: Stringer	:	Atty. Docket No.: 41759-57619
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Patent No. 7,222,193	:	Examiner: George C. Neurauter
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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION OF OFFICE MISTAKE
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REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

Assignee's undersigned representative of the above referenced patent hereby requests that the Patent Office issue a Certificate of Correction of Office Mistake under 37 C.F.R. §1.322. Claim 2, Column 13, Line 23 of the Letters Patent recites the word "arid" where the word "and" should appear. This mistake is clearly disclosed in the records of the Office, as shown on the USPTO website's PAIR system's Image File Wrapper, that show that:

Request for Certificate of Correction of Office Mistake Under 37 C.F.R. §1.322 and
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- a) Applicant's originally submitted Claim 3, which became Issued Claim 2, contained the word "and" in the disputed place of reference, submitted to the Patent Office on December 21, 2001 (see Appendix A).
- b) Applicant's Claim 3 in the Preliminary Amendment, which became Issued Claim 2, contained the word "and" in the disputed place of reference, submitted to the Patent Office on December 21, 2001 (see Appendix B).
- c) Applicant's Claim 3 in the First Amendment, which became Issued Claim 2, contained the word "and" in the disputed place of reference, submitted to the Patent Office on September 23, 2005 (see Appendix C).
- d) Applicant's Claim 3 in the Second Amendment with RCE, which became Issued Claim 2, contained the word "and" in the disputed place of reference, submitted to the Patent Office on April 18, 2006 (see Appendix D).
- e) Applicant's Claim 3 in the Third Amendment, which became Issued Claim 2, contained the word "and" in the disputed place of reference, submitted to the Patent Office on October 16, 2006 (see Appendix E).
- f) Applicant's Claim 3 in the Amendment After Final Rejection, which became Issued Claim 2, contained the word "and" in the disputed place of reference, submitted to the Patent Office on February 8, 2007 (see Appendix F).
- g) The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office entered the Amendment After Final Rejection, Initialed by the Examiner as "OK to enter" on March 6, 2007 (see Appendix G).
- h) The Patent Office entered the Index of Claims with the Notice of Allowance on March 8, 2007, showing originally submitted Claim 3 issuing as Claim 2 (see Appendix H).

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In providing the attached documentation, Applicants believe that they have unequivocally established that this error was due to a mistake of the Office. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request Expedited Issuance of this Certificate of Correction as outlined in MPEP §1480.01.

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Respectfully submitted,



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PATENT NO. : 7,222,193 B2
APPLICATION NO.: 10/039,565
ISSUE DATE : May 22, 2007
INVENTOR(S) : Andrew Mark Stringer

It is certified that error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

In Column 13, Line 23, replace "arid" with - - and - -.

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Appendix A

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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b)) APPLICATION ELEMENTS See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application elements		Attorney Docket No.	717901.20
		First Named Inventor	Stringer, Andrew Mark
		Title	COMPUTER NETWORK PAYMENT SYSTEM
		Express Mail Label No.	EL493158870US
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1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17) <i>(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)</i> 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specification [Total Pages 51] <i>(preferred arrangement set forth below, MPEP 1303.01)</i> - Descriptive text of the invention - Cross Reference to Related Applications - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix - Background of the Invention - Brief Summary of the Invention - Brief Description of the Drawings <i>(if filed)</i> - Detailed Description - Claim(s) - Abstract of the Disclosure 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drawings (37 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 2] a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 1] b. <input type="checkbox"/> Newly executed (original or copy) c. <input type="checkbox"/> Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) <i>(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)</i> i. <input type="checkbox"/> DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) <i>Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)</i> 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76	7. <input type="checkbox"/> CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program <i>(Appendix)</i> 8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission <i>(if applicable, all necessary)</i> a. <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Readable Form (CRF) b. Specification Sequence Listing on: i. <input type="checkbox"/> CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or ii. <input type="checkbox"/> paper c. <input type="checkbox"/> Statements verifying identity of above copies ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s)) 10. <input type="checkbox"/> 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney <i>(when there is an assignment)</i> 11. <input type="checkbox"/> English Translation Document <i>(if applicable)</i> 12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copies of IDS Citations (IDS)/PTO-1449 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Amendment 14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) <i>(Should be specifically itemized)</i> 15. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <i>(if foreign priority is claimed)</i> 16. <input type="checkbox"/> Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent. 17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Check for \$412.00: Certificate of Express Mailing
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 Prior application information: Examiner: _____ Group Art Unit: _____

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Following is a marked-up version of the Specification with all changes shown by conventional comparison (underlining and bracketing):

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CLAIMS

1. A method of electronic payment for data transferred across a computer network containing at least one client, at least one server and at least one router which forwards data, the method comprising the steps of:

sending an electronic data request from a client to a server via one or more routers; and

sending electronic data from said server to said client via one or more routers in response to said electronic data request, said electronic data having associated with it a data field containing a value which represents [the] a commercial value of [the data contained within] the electronic data.

2. [A] The method according to Claim [1] 1, in which the electronic data is transmitted in the form of packets.

3. [A] The method according to Claim 2, wherein each of said one or more routers receives an incoming data packet, [reads the value in the] containing electronic data and a data field associated with the electronic data in the incoming data packet, reads the value in the data field, calculates a new value based on the read value and the cost of forwarding the data packet, and forwards the data packet with the new value in the associated data field.

4. [A] The method according to Claim 3, wherein each of said one or more routers checks whether the value in the data field associated with the electronic data in the incoming data packet falls within predefined parameters and rejects the packet if the value falls outside the predefined parameters.

5. [A] The method according to [any preceding Claim,] Claim 1, wherein the electronic data request has associated with it a data field containing a [value] value, which represents the commercial value of the data contained within the electronic data request.

Appendix B

CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING

DATE OF DEPOSIT: December 21, 2001

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I hereby certify that the foregoing PCT Preliminary Amendment patent application for a COMPUTER NETWORK PAYMENT SYSTEM is being deposited with the United States Postal Service, Express Mail, postage prepaid, on the above-identified date, and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, **Box PCT**, Washington, D.C. 20231


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, it is respectfully requested that the application be amended as follows:

Please delete the entire specification.

Please replace with the following substitute Specification in compliance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.125(b):

CLAIMS

1. A method of electronic payment for data transferred across a computer network containing at least one client, at least one server and at least one router which forwards data, the method comprising the steps of:

 sending an electronic data request from a client to a server via one or more routers; and

 sending electronic data from said server to said client via one or more routers in response to said electronic data request, said electronic data having associated with it a data field containing a value which represents a commercial value of the electronic data.

2. The method according to Claim 1, in which the electronic data is transmitted in the form of packets.

3. The method according to Claim 2, wherein each of said one or more routers receives an incoming data packet, containing electronic data and a data field associated with the electronic data in the incoming data packet, reads the value in the data field, calculates a new value based on the read value and the cost of forwarding the data packet, and forwards the data packet with the new value in the associated data field.

4. The method according to Claim 3, wherein each of said one or more routers checks whether the value in the data field associated with the electronic data in the incoming data packet falls within predefined parameters and rejects the packet if the value falls outside the predefined parameters.

5. The method according to Claim 1, wherein the electronic data request has associated with it a data field containing a value, which represents the commercial value of the data contained within the electronic data request.

Appendix C



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In re Application of: Andrew Mark Stringer :
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FIRST AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of May 23, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

First Amendment
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/039,565
Office Action Dated: May 23, 2005
Inventor: Andrew Mark Stringer
Attorney Docket No. 41759-57619

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A method of electronic payment for data transferred across a computer network containing at least one client, at least one server and at least one router which forwards data, the method comprising the steps of:

sending an electronic data request from a client to a server via one or more ~~routers, and routers;~~

sending electronic data in the form of packets from said server to said client via one or more routers in response to said electronic data ~~request, request;~~

whereby the operation of the server is governed by a server protocol which causes the electronic data sent from the server to have said electronic data having associated with it a data field containing a value which represents a commercial value of the ~~electronic data; electronic data; and~~

whereby each of said one or more routers has a router protocol which causes each router to forward a data packet in accordance with a routing table and to update the value contained in the data field to reflect a corresponding added commercial value.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended): The method according to Claim 1, Claim 2, wherein each of said one or more routers receives an incoming data packet, containing

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electronic data and a data field associated with the electronic data in the incoming data packet, reads the value in the data field, calculates a new value based on the read value and the cost of forwarding the data packet, and forwards the data packet with the new value in the associated data field.

4. (Original): The method according to Claim 3, wherein each of said one or more routers checks whether the value in the data field associated with the electronic data in the incoming data packet falls within predefined parameters and rejects the packet if the value falls outside the predefined parameters.

5. (Original): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the electronic data request has associated with it a data field containing a value which represents the commercial value of the data contained within the electronic data request.

6. (Original): The method according to Claim 1, wherein total accumulated values for transactions between routers or between routers and servers/clients are recorded.

7. (Original): The method according to Claim 6, wherein clearance payments are made between the operators and/or users of the routers and servers/clients, the clearance payments corresponding to the total accumulated values.

Appendix D

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SECOND AMENDMENT WITH RCE

In response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2006, Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks. Also accompanying this response is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), a petition for a one (1) month extension of time, and the requisite fees.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix**, which is a formal Interview Summary, is attached following Page 16.

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A method of electronic payment for data transferred across a computer network containing at least one client, at least one server and at least one router which forwards data, the method comprising the steps of:
 sending an electronic data request from a client to a server via one or more routers; and
 sending electronic data in the form of data packets from said server to said client via one or more routers in response to said electronic data request,
 whereby the operation of the server is governed by a server protocol which causes the ~~electronic data packet~~ sent from the server to have associated with it a data field containing a value which represents a ~~commercial value~~ monetary worth of the electronic data in the data packet,
 whereby each of said one or more routers has a router protocol which causes each router to forward ~~the~~ a data packet in accordance with a routing table and to update the value contained in the data field to reflect ~~a corresponding added commercial value~~ the added monetary worth of the electronic data in the data packet associated with the action of forwarding the data packet.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 1, wherein each of said one or more routers receives an incoming data packet, containing electronic data and a data field associated with the electronic data in the incoming data packet, reads the value in the data field, calculates a new value based on the read value and the cost of forwarding the data packet, and forwards the data packet with the new value in the associated data field.

4. (Original): The method according to Claim 3, wherein each of said one or more routers checks whether the value in the data field associated with the electronic data in the incoming data packet falls within predefined parameters and rejects the packet if the value falls outside the predefined parameters.

5. (Original): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the electronic data request has associated with it a data field containing a value which represents the commercial value of the data contained within the electronic data request.

6. (Original): The method according to Claim 1, wherein total accumulated values for transactions between routers or between routers and servers/clients are recorded.

7. (Original): The method according to Claim 6, wherein clearance payments are made between the operators and/or users of the routers and servers/clients, the clearance payments corresponding to the total accumulated values.

Appendix E

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THIRD AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2006, Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks, a petition for a one (1) month extension of time, and the requisite fees.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 6 of this paper.

Appendix A is attached following Page 12 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A method of electronic payment for data transferred across a computer network containing at least one client, at least one server and at least one router which forwards data, the method comprising the steps of:
 sending an electronic data request from a client to a server via one or more routers; and
 sending electronic data in the form of data packets from said server to said client via one or more routers in response to said electronic data request,
 whereby the operation of the server is governed by a server protocol which causes the data packet sent from the server to have associated with it a data field containing a value which represents a monetary worth of the electronic data in the data packet,
 whereby each of said one or more routers has a router protocol which causes each router to forward the data packet in accordance with a routing table and to update the value contained in the data field by increasing the value to reflect the added monetary worth of the electronic data in the data packet associated with the action of forwarding the data packet.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 1, wherein each of said one or more routers receives an incoming data packet, containing electronic data and a data field associated with the electronic data in the incoming data packet, reads the value in the data field, calculates a new value based on the read value and the cost of forwarding the data packet, and forwards the data packet with the new value in the associated data field.

4. (Original): The method according to Claim 3, wherein each of said one or more routers checks whether the value in the data field associated with the electronic data in the incoming data packet falls within predefined parameters and rejects the packet if the value falls outside the predefined parameters.

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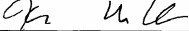
7. (Original): The method according to Claim 6, wherein clearance payments are made between the operators and/or users of the routers and servers/clients, the clearance payments corresponding to the total accumulated values.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

In response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2006, Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 6 of this paper.

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 sending electronic data in the form of data packets from said server to said client via one or more routers in response to said electronic data request[,,],

 whereby the operation of the server is governed by a server protocol which causes the data packet sent from the server to have associated with it a data field containing a value which represents ~~a monetary worth~~ an intrinsic value of the electronic data in the data packet[,,], and

 whereby each of said one or more routers has a router protocol which causes each router to forward the data packet in accordance with a routing table and to update the value contained in the data field by increasing the value to reflect ~~the added monetary worth~~ an aggregated overall worth of the electronic data in the data packet associated with the action of forwarding the data packet.

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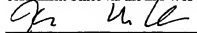
8. (Currently Amended): A system of electronic payment for data based on a hardware infrastructure of linked routers, data providers and data users, comprising:

Appendix G

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Appendix H

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